

have talked to says that it is gutting the ability to recruit, and it is gutting the ability to have strong morale.

Let's put aside that. Let's put aside \$45 billion for Ukraine without accountability and a knowledge of how it is being spent and what it is being used for in our national security interests. Let's set aside \$40 billion for disaster relief. I don't even know where it is going.

Let's set aside the \$16 billion in earmarks my friend just talked about and that he and I outlined. Let's set aside the \$3 billion for DHS with no policy changes and, in fact, language inserted in the bill that prevents us from actually securing the border while processing more people; the \$600 million for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the new headquarters for the FBI; the \$215 million for ATF; \$2.5 billion for NIH which is basically at war with freedom and forcing needles into the arms of the American people and undermining the freedom of the American people in terms of their health choices and paying Anthony Fauci's salary; a CDC of \$760 million; the World Health Organization; the State Department at \$3.6 billion; an Education Department which is administering Biden's \$400 billion student loan bailout, all of that stuff, let's ignore all of that.

Let's ignore all of those horrible policies and all the things that he is doing to undermine our freedom and creating the alphabet soup and expanding the alphabet soup of bureaucracy that is tyrannizing the American people.

Let's put all that aside. We are just talking about inflation, and we are spending more money and dumping more money. While we are raising interest rates to cool it, we are going to spend more money causing more inflation, undermining the dollar even more.

In July of 2022, we had MITCH MCCONNELL just saying that, oh, a few years back Republican policies created the best economy for American workers in a generation, low inflation, robust growth, record unemployment. Democrats' recklessness—Democrats' recklessness he said—has produced soaring inflation, slowing growth and growing risk of a full-on recession.

How about SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO from West Virginia in August of 2022 in an op-ed, thumping the lectern about the Inflation Reduction Act: "Americans understand pumping hundreds of billions of dollars into the economy and raising taxes will certainly not reduce inflation."

How about TODD YOUNG from Indiana: "About the border, this is a national security crisis. We must strengthen our border security."

How about MITT ROMNEY from Utah who told Mayorkas that he needed to secure the border and urged him to keep title 42 in place. And then he just worked against the whole effort today by the junior Senator from Utah.

Things are upside down, and we are spending money we don't have causing

inflation. Republicans go out and campaign against it, and then they do it.

And my Democratic colleagues have never once had an honest conversation on the floor of this House about what we are going to do about inflation, what we are going to do about spending money we don't have and racking up debt.

When I came to Congress as a staffer on the Senate Judiciary Committee, our national debt in 2003 was about \$6 trillion, I think. We are at \$31.4 trillion and climbing.

The question here is: Are we going to do anything about it?

The resounding answer from this body,—including my colleagues on this side of the aisle—is: No, we are not.

So I think my question for the gentleman is: Does he share my belief that it is time to end the status quo and that it is time for a radical departure from the way we are doing things?

It is time to change the way we are doing business in the House of Representatives. It is time for a change to do the way we are doing business in the United States Senate, and it is our job to keep our heads up high as not conservatives and not Republicans or Democrats but as Americans who want to actually do the hard work necessary to be responsible stewards of this country and of our great birthright.

Does the gentleman agree with me that as we head into the 118th Congress and as Republicans are in the majority that we must fundamentally change this institution from top to bottom, from the leadership down?

This place must change, and we will not accept anything but change. That is why we were sent here. As we exit here for Christmas, as my friend goes home to his daughter and I go home to my son and my daughter, I am not going to look them in the eye and say that I didn't do everything I know how to do so we can change this place so that we can save America for them.

Mr. PERRY: I agree with the gentleman with this caveat: It is not just time; it is long past time.

I would suggest to the good gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) that he has worked diligently in his time here within the system, within the status quo, to make these changes.

Others do not want to make too many ripples because you have to work with these folks, and this is the system that is set up, and if you make everybody mad at you, how are you going to be effective?

The status quo is not working, ladies and gentlemen. We have tried. We have tried to work within the system that is here. The system that is here produces this.

Do you know how I know?

Because since I have been here, this isn't the first time I have come to the mic. I can come here probably every few months and go through the same thing. It is not the first time right around Christmas we have got a short-term continuing resolution right before

Christmas so we can pass an omnibus and just keep on spending the money that we don't have and more programs that don't make any sense.

We have got \$3 million for the University of Maine system to research wild blackberry production for changing markets and climates.

Well, my goodness, as a man who had to pick blueberries—that was my first job was picking fruit, and blueberries were one of them—I don't know why it is the job of the whole country to pay for the University of Maine to figure out about blueberry production.

Ladies and gentlemen, this system is broken. The status quo doesn't work for Americans. The lady that has to buy these blueberries and can't afford them doesn't care about this system here. She doesn't care about the status quo and making colleagues uncomfortable in this Chamber or the other one. What she cares about is feeding her children and feeding her family. And right now she can't afford to do it because of the status quo.

This cannot continue. Something has to change. Einstein said that doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome is the definition of insanity.

Ladies and gentlemen, citizens of America, we are doing the same things under the same conditions with the same people, and somehow, we think something is going to change.

Well, it is not going to change unless we change it.

We are highlighting this tonight. The gentleman from Texas and I are here highlighting this tonight to tell you how egregious it is, how long it has been going on, and to elicit your support—your support—calling your Representatives and your Senators and saying: This will not stand. We are sick and tired of this: \$2.52 million for an electric battery and an electric charging station program at some community college; \$6.85 million for real estate strategies to obtain equity property acquisition and redevelopment in Delaware.

Why is that your job to pay for that?

We don't have the money to pay for that.

You would like it in your community I bet. But you are going to pay for it in someone else's.

Mr. ROY. Merry Christmas to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, and merry Christmas to the staff here. God bless you all and thank you for all the work you do for this country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CORREA) at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, on Wednesday, December 21, 2022:

H.R. 203. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4020 Broadway Street in Houston, Texas, as the "Benny C. Martinez Post Office Building".

H.R. 1095. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Willowbrook Avenue in Compton, California, as the "PFC James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building".

H.R. 2472. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82422 Cadiz Jewett Road in Cadiz, Ohio, as the "John Armor Bingham Post Office".

H.R. 2473. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Penn Avenue in Salem, Ohio, as the "Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office".

H.R. 4622. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 North Main Street in Roseville, Ohio, as the "Ronald E. Rosser Post Office".

H.R. 4899. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Broadway Street West, in Akeley, Minnesota, as the "Neal Kenneth Todd Post Office".

H.R. 5271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the "Thelma Harper Post Office Building".

H.R. 5349. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1550 State Road S-38-211 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, as the "J.I. Washington Post Office Building".

H.R. 5650. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16605 East Avenue of the Fountains in Fountain Hills, Arizona, as the "Dr. C.T. Wright Post Office Building".

H.R. 5659. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1961 North C Street in Oxnard, California, as the "John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building".

H.R. 5794. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 850 Walnut Street in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, as the "First Sergeant Leonard A. Funk, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 5865. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Bluebonnet Drive in Stafford, Texas, as the "Leonard Scarcella Post Office Building".

H.R. 5900. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office".

H.R. 5952. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 123 East Main Street, in Vergas, Minnesota, as the "Jon Glawe Post Office".

H.R. 6042. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, as the "Caesar H. Wright Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 6080. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Ronald A. Robinson Post Office".

H.R. 6218. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 317 Blattner Drive in Avon, Minnesota, as the "W.O.C. Kort Miller Plantenberg Post Office".

H.R. 6220. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 3rd Avenue Northwest in Perham, Minnesota, as the "Charles P. Nord Post Office".

H.R. 6221. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 155 Main Avenue West in Winsted, Minnesota, as the "James A. Rogers Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 6267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan Post Office".

H.R. 6386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the "Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 6630. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 N Kraemer Blvd. in Placentia, California, as the "PFC Jang Ho Kim Post Office Building".

H.R. 6917. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 East Congress Parkway in Crystal Lake, Illinois, as the "Ryan J. Cummings Post Office Building".

H.R. 7514. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 345 South Main Street in Butler, Pennsylvania, as the "Andrew Gomer Williams Post Office Building".

H.R. 7518. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23200 John R Road in Hazel Park, Michigan, as the "Roy E. Dickens Post Office".

H.R. 7519. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2050 South Boulevard in Bloomfield Township, Michigan, as the "Dr. Ezra S. Parke Post Office Building".

H.R. 7638. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the "U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 8025. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 South 1st Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Martin Olav Sabo Post Office".

H.R. 8026. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 825 West 65th Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Charles W. Lindberg Post Office".

H.R. 8203. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 651 Business Interstate Highway 35 North Suite 420 in New Braunfels, Texas, as the "Bob Krueger Post Office".

H.R. 8226. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 236 Concord Exchange North in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Officer Leo Pavlak Post Office Building".

H.R. 9308. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 6401 El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego, California, as the "Susan A. Davis Post Office".

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 22, 2022:

H.R. 441. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and the conveyance of certain property to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 478. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

H.R. 785. An act for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, and Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso.

H.R. 3285. An act to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse.

H.R. 4881. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5961. An act to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 6064. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations, furnished by the Secretary, to individuals who submit claims to the Secretary for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma.

H.R. 6427. An act to amend the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act to modify the boundary of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6604. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the method by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines the effects of a closure or disapproval of an educational institution on individuals who do not transfer credits from such institution.

H.R. 6961. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve hearings before the Board of Veterans' Appeals regarding claims involving military sexual trauma.

H.R. 7299. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to obtain an independent cybersecurity assessment of information systems of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7335. An act to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7735. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the appraisal requirements for certain loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7776. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 or military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8260. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to shorten the timeframe for